

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: International Billfish Angler Survey

OMB Control Number: 0648-0020

Form Number(s): NOAA Form 88-10

Type of Request: Regular

Number of Respondents: 600

Average Hours Per Response: 5 minutes

Burden Hours: 50

Needs and Uses: The International Billfish Angler Survey began in 1969 and is an integral part of the Billfish Research Program at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC). The survey tracks recreational angler fishing catch and effort for billfish in the Pacific and Indian Oceans in support of the Pacific and Western Pacific Fishery Management Councils, authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The data are used by scientists and fishery managers to assist with assessing the status of billfish stocks. The survey is

intended for anglers cooperating in the Billfish Program and is entirely voluntary. This survey is

specific to recreational anglers fishing for Istiophorid and Xiphiid billfish in the Pacific and

Indian Oceans; as such it provides the only estimates of catch per unit of effort for recreational

billfish fishing in those areas.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: once annually

Respondent's Obligation: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions

to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should

be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to

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